

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Drake *et al.*

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE and
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

The Notification of Defective Response dated November 3, 2006 (a copy of which is enclosed) has a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 3, 2006.

No fee is believed to be due with this Response. However, if the Commissioner determines that a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to Account No. 50-1744 in the name of Syngenta Biotechnology Inc.

Further in response to the Notice, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.